

DNREC Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit charges two Sussex men with illegal dump site activities

DOVER – After investigating recent complaints made to DNREC's Office of Community Services, Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit recently charged two Sussex men with an array of trash dumping violations – with one of the men arrested for operating an illegal dump site on a 19-acre parcel near Frankford.

Danny L. Averitt, 44, of Frankford was charged with operating an unpermitted solid waste facility business. Natural Resources Police ECU officers arrested Averitt after learning that he was charging local residents and businesses a fee to dump trash on the property where they found the illegal dump site. He was arraigned in Sussex County Court of Common Pleas and given a later court date.

In conjunction with the charges against Averitt, Natural Resources Police ECU officers also arrested Perry A. Townsend, 55, of Dagsboro and charged him with illegally collecting and transporting trash in the area, then dumping the refuse on the same property Averitt was using as an illegal dump site. During their investigation, Natural Resource Police officers learned that Townsend was also involved in other illegal dumping activity near Dagsboro.

Townsend was charged with and pled guilty to two counts of discharge of solid waste (dumping), and to a single count of transportation, collection, and storage of solid waste without

a permit. He was given a \$1,900 fine at Justice of the Peace Court 3 in Georgetown, ordered to clean the trash west of Dagsboro that he pled guilty to dumping, and placed on probation.

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